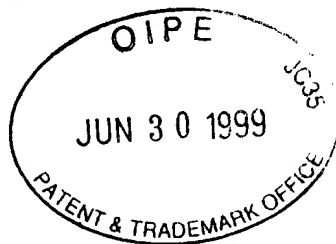


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Re: U.S. Utility Application No. 09/267,199
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (in duplicate);
2. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application – Filing Date Granted;
3. Original Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, executed by inventor Barkur G. Bhat (4 pages);
4. Original Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, executed by inventor Sekhar S. Boddupalli (4 pages);
5. Original Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, executed by inventor Ganesh M. Kishore (4 pages);
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8. Original Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, executed by inventor Mylavarapu Venkatramesh (4 pages);
9. Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 with 41 articles;
10. Howrey & Simon Check No. 312552 for \$968.00 to cover the filing fee, fee for excess claim, and surcharge for late filing of Declaration; and
11. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. R. Marsh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "D." and last name "Marsh" clearly distinguishable.

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